Decision to set up processing plants in some States t 1699.

SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

whether the Steel Authority of India Limited has decided to set up processing plants in some States;

if so, the names of these States;

the total quantum of steel in tonnes likely to be produced in these plants; and

the number of people expected to get employment directly or indirectly in these steel plants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS): (a) and (b) The Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) is considering setting up Steel Processing Units (SPUs) at suitable locations in the states of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Assam, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir.

(c) and (d) The total quantum of production and the number of people expected to get employment will be known only after finalization of proposals for various processing units.

Production and demand of steel

1700. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

the total production of steel in the country during the last five years;

the total demand for steel in the country;

the steps being taken to increase the turnover of various steel units in the public sector;

the private sector steel units presently in operation and how many are under pipeline for commercial production; and

the total export of steel from the country during the last five years, both in quantity and value?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS): (a) The total production of finished steel (alloy/non-alloy) in the country during the last five years is as under:—

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Total Finished Steel Production (Alloy/Non-alloy)	37166	40709	43513	46566	52529

Soruce: JPC-Annual Statistics

(b) The total assessed demand/apparent consumption for steel in i the country is as under:—

(000 tonnes)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Non Alloy Finished Steel	28897	31169	34389	39185	44328
Total Finished Steel (Alloy /Non-alloy)	30677	33119	36377	41433	46783

Source: JPC—Annual Statistics

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.